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Duke Provost Named To Group Probing CIA

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WASHINGTON — R. Taylor Cole, provost of Duke University, was one of four leading political scientists picked Wednesday to investigate the Central Intelligence Agency's penetration of the academic community.

The four scholars were appointed to a special panel established by Robert A. Dahl, president of the American Political Science Association, who said he is "sickened and alarmed" by news accounts of CIA activities.

Cole Wednesday night declined to comment on the CIA-student organizations situation, but noted that he had accepted the invitation to serve on the panel.

The panel will investigate the CIA's contribution of funds to several student organizations and will also look into the affairs of a Washington-based research firm that received funds from foundations used by the CIA.

Named to Dahl's panel, in addition to Cole, were Gabriel Almond, professor at Stanford University; C. Herman Pritchett, professor at the University of California in Santa Barbara; and David B. Truman, dean of Columbia College, Columbia University, in New York.

The Washington firm is Operations and Policy Research, Inc., officers of which are both officials of the American Political Science Association.

They are Evron M. Kirkpatrick and Max M. Kampelman, president and vice president respectively of the research firm, and executive director and treasurer respectively of the political science association.

Operations and Policy Research, which receives substantial grants from the United States Information Agency, reportedly has received funds from the Sidney and Esther Rabb Charitable Foundation and the Pappas Charitable Trust, both of Boston.

The Rabb Foundation was identified as one which funneled funds to the National Students Association from CIA cover foundations. The Pappas trust has given funds to other organizations which received funds from CIA conduits.

Kirkpatrick has acknowledged receiving funds from the two foundations but said he knew of no programs carried out at the behest of CIA.

Dahl, in his letter to the four investigating political scientists, did not mention Kirkpatrick, Kampelman or their private, tax-exempt research foundation, but it was understood that the political scientists would look into its affairs.

Dahl, in Palo Alto, Calif., said he had never heard of Kirkpatrick's firm but said he has become convinced it has no direct connection with the American Political Science Association.

Dahl told the panel members he was alarmed by stories saying "that the CIA has penetrated academic and cultural circles through foundations and pseudo-foundations to which they channelled funds. There are bound to be evil effects from such practices."

Even if no improper CIA influence is proved, he said, the standing of U.S. scholars, their relations with foreign colleagues, and their chances for research "will suffer grievously as they did after the sorry business of 'Camelot,'" he said.

He was referring to "Project Camelot," an aborted Defense Department program of collecting information on Cuba's political and social situation, including the possibility of an extremist coup against the government.

Dahl also warned that the academic community must avoid a "McCarthyism-in-reverse" situation which might arise if the public views as "equally quality of deceit" those who were willing accomplices of the CIA and those who were innocent recipients of funds from foundations they trusted.

He said scholars must find ways to "protect the integrity of our scholarly affairs from over zealous governmental agencies, particularly the CIA, whenever they seek to inspire conduct markedly different from and sometimes flatly at odds with our own codes of professional behavior."

The Washington-based firm headed by Kirkpatrick and Kampelman has engaged in wide-ranging activities varying from the mere packaging of books sent abroad for foreign Fulbright scholars to the reviewing of books destined for United States Information Service libraries overseas.

Both Kampelman, now a prominent Washington lawyer, and Kirkpatrick are close friends and one-time advisers of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, whom they first rallied around as political science teachers at the University of Minnesota.

Kirkpatrick issued a statement which said in part, "Professor Robert Dahl and I . . . are equally concerned about the integrity and welfare of our association in its relationship to our government."

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